GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1255
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BORDER VIOLATIONS BY CHINA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the violations of Line of Control on Indian border is committed by China time and again;

(b) if so, the details of such violations committed during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government have contemplated any methodological preparations to deal with the war-like situation with China; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1255 2.3.2000.

The resolution of the boundary between India and China is outstanding. Further, the two sides have differences in perception of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the areas along the border. Both sides carry out patrolling activities in the border areas as per their respective perceptions of the LAC. Whenever an increase in the concerned activities along the border, including violations of the LAC, is observed, the matter is taken up through diplomatic channels and also through Border Personnel Meetings / Flag Meetings. Suitable measures continue to be taken to meet any situation. Presently, there is no tension along the India-China border.

2. The two sides have been discussing the boundary question in the frame work of a Joint Working Group. Both India and China have reiterated their desire to seek a fair, reasonable and mutually acceptable settlement of the boundary question through dialogue. Also, both the countries have reiterated their commitment to respect the Agreement on Maintenance of Peace and Tranquillity along the LAC in the India-China Border Areas (1993) and the Agreement on Confidence Building Measures in the Military Field along the LAC in the India-China Border Areas (1996) which provide an institutional framework for the maintenance of peace and tranquillity in the border areas of the two countries.

3. Government keeps a constant vigil on our borders and monitors all developments having a bearing on our national security. All necessary measures are taken to maintain defence preparedness.